

Iowa USDA Foods Council Meeting Minutes

The Iowa Commodity Advisory Council met on Friday, April 26, 2013 at Saydell's District Office. Council members in attendance were: Amy A'Hearn, Linda Mitchell, Lisa Nolting, Mary Bellwood, Nancy Hogstad, Vickie McVey, Sharon Foote, Denise Rawson, and Virginia Betchold. Those not in attendance were Jim Rupp. Sarah White and Jill Stuecker from the state agency attended the meeting as well.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Nancy Hogstad. Meeting minutes from the February 1, 2013 meeting were read by Amy. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sharon and seconded by Vicky.

The council sampled, discussed and scored bulk salsa, salsa cups, and marinara sauce.

The council discussed state agency, NOI, and DoD updates. The council talked about ways to streamline procedures and provide information about NOI to districts.

The USDA Foods Show is currently scheduled for February 4, 2014.

The council sampled seasoned, shredded pork as an alternative to the pork chunks that are currently on the commodity order guide. The council voted to terminate the current contract for the pork chunks due to widespread dissatisfaction with the product.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded at 12:17 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lisa Nolting, Secretary